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find a considerable amount of valuable material. He will also find the author's carefully annotated bibliography, containing as it does a large list of references in English, Spanish, German, and French, very useful.

The Influence of Oversea Expansion on England to 1700. By JAMES E. GILLESPIE. Columbia University Studies in History, Economics, and Public Law, Vol. XCI, No. 1.

The book is an attempted statement of the far-reaching consequences for English life of the European expansion of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. "Just as the work of expansion into America, Asia, Africa, and other parts of the earth carried with it European ideas, institutions and commodities to be implanted in new environments, so too it brought back ideas, institutions and commodities, derived from contact with non-European lands and peoples, which affected European life and thought to a greater or less degree." Just what the effects were for English life—social, economic, and intellectual—is the subject-matter of this interesting treatise.

The discoveries of the sixteenth century produced a profound change in the course of European development. The stir and activity that had been aroused by the forces of the Renaissance received an added impetus. In all phases of life new and unexpected changes began to take place. It is the nature of those changes that the author describes in this book.

The topics dealt with include a wide variety: the changes in manners and customs; in commerce, industry, and finance; in morals and religion; in thought, in literature, and in art. But because the field dealt with is so extensive and the changes so far-reaching, there has been little opportunity to do much more than tabulate and enumerate the many changes, there has been little attempt at a critical analysis and estimate of the results. Nevertheless, one will find the book a very interesting synthetic statement concerning a period which in the past has been but diffusely treated.